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Subject: Update on Freezeout & Sunshine Fires - For Immediate Release

Freezeout Fire

Size: 150 acres

Containment: 17%

Cause: Lightning, June 24, 2004

Location: Northwestern corner of the Pasayten Wilderness, 2 miles from the Canadian
Border, 2 miles east of the Ross Lake National Recreation Area

Personnel Assigned: 40

Aircraft: 2 Helicopters

Costs to Date: \$124,147.00

Objectives: Prevent the fire from entering Canada two miles to the north, crossing
Lightning Creek to the west and Freezeout Creek to the south

Concerns: Steep, rugged terrain, bull trout and spotted owl habitat

Fire Behavior: Smoldering and minimal creeping

Weather Forecast: 60-70 degrees, west winds @ 5 miles per hour,
relative humidity 35-40%

Management: Wayne Cook's Interagency Fire Use Management Team

Sunshine Fire

Size: 50 acres

Cause: Lightning, June 22, 2004

Containment: 90%

Location: 8 miles northwest of Mazama, Washington

Personnel Assigned: 14

Costs to Date: \$529,070.00

Objectives: Confine fire to the upper third of Sunshine Creek drainage

Concerns: Lack of access, steep and rugged terrain

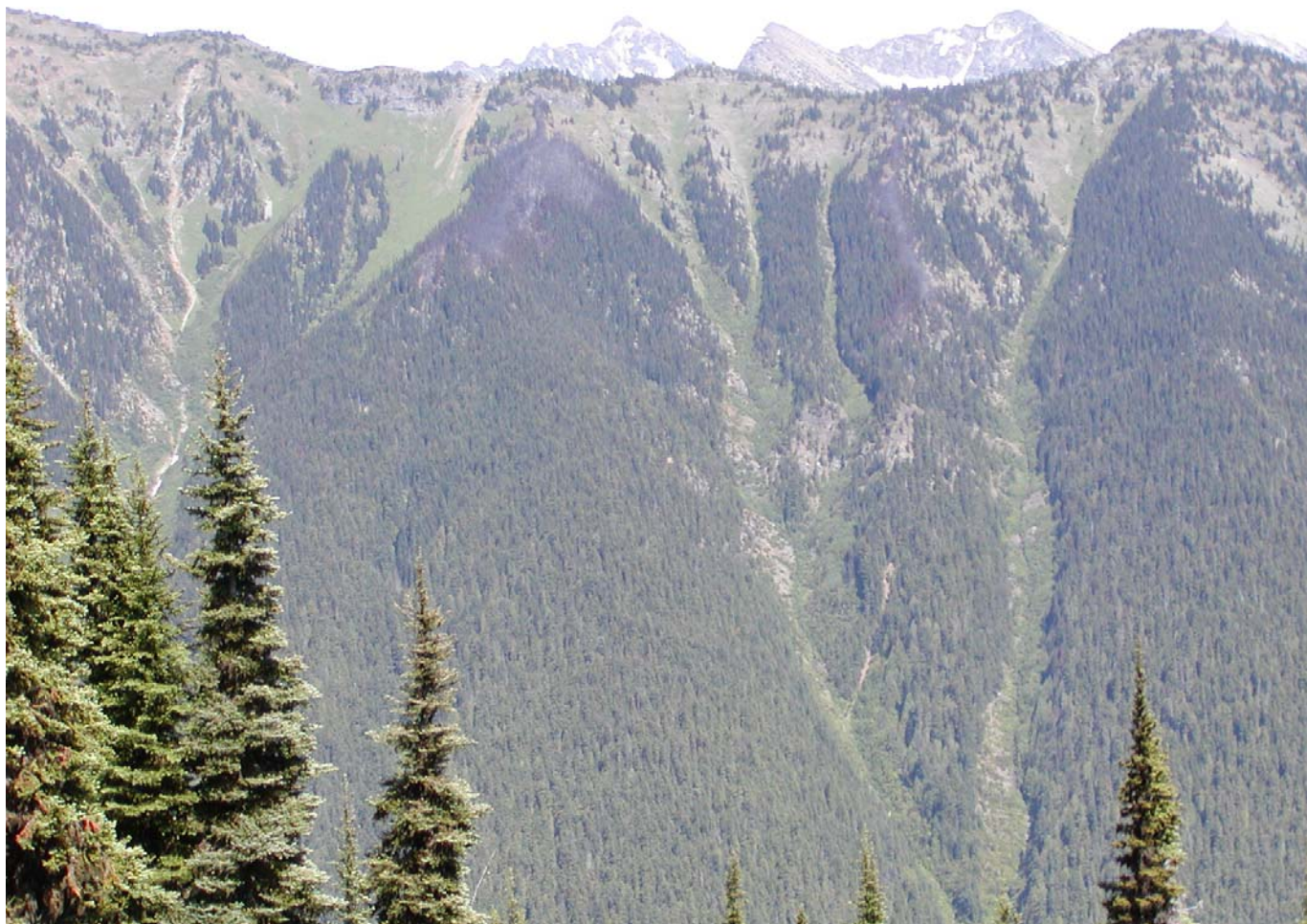
Fire Behavior: Some pockets of residual heat

Weather Forecast: 70-75 degrees, southwest winds @ 3-5 miles per hour,
relative humidity, 20%

Management: Wayne Cook's Interagency Fire Use Management Team



Sunshine Creek in the Pasayten Wilderness 6-29-04



Freezeout Fire above Lightning Creek in the NW Pasayten Wilderness 6-29-04

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